

## Have We Covenanted With God?

This is a searching question that must be faced by each of us, and not to be answered casually or otherwise. **I INCLUDE MYSELF** in all the below sincerely seeking to be right with the Lord. I have used the pronouns we and us earnestly.

- Do we feel right in the eyes of the Lord, that we are in a covenant with Him?
- Do we believe we individually entered into a covenant directly with Him?
- Do we believe because we were interviewed by missionaries and/or a bishop acting as mediators prior to being baptized into the LDS church(s) that it qualified to be acceptable as being in a covenant with Him?
- Have we come to Him with broken hearts and contrite spirits?
- Have we repented of ALL our sins, and will we continue to repent earnestly?
- Are we willing to serve Him and keep His commandments all the remainder of our days?

Here are a few of many scriptures taken from the Lord's standard for us, the Book of Mormon, to help us face this question:

### 2 Nephi 10

7) *But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that **I am Christ**, then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance. (Do we believe God is Christ? IMO this is the starting point.)*

### 2 Nephi 30

2) *For behold, I say unto you that as many of the Gentiles as will repent are the covenant people of the Lord; and as many of the Jews as will not repent shall be cast off; for **the Lord covenanteth with none save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son**, who is the Holy One of Israel. (We MUST repent and believe in Christ.)*

### Mosiah 5

5)...**we are willing to enter into a covenant with our God** to do his will, and to be obedient to his commandments in all things that he shall command us, all the remainder of our days...

6)...these are the words which king Benjamin desired of them; and therefore he said unto them: Ye have spoken the words that I desired; and **the covenant which ye have made is a righteous covenant**.

7)...**because of the covenant which ye have made ye shall be called the children of Christ**, his sons, and his daughters; for behold, this day he hath spiritually begotten you; for ye say that your hearts are changed through faith on his name; therefore, ye are born of him and have become his sons and his daughters.

8) And **under this head ye are made free** (free from incorrect beliefs?), and there is no other head whereby ye can be made free. **There is no other name given** whereby salvation cometh; therefore, I would that ye should take upon you the name of Christ, all you that have entered into the covenant with God that ye should be obedient unto the end of your lives.... (We must be desirous to be in a covenant with Christ. Can an eight year old or insincere person qualify?)

#### Mosiah 18

10) Now I say unto you, **if this be the desire of your hearts, what have you against being baptized** in the name of the Lord, as a witness before him that ye have entered into a covenant with him, that **ye will serve him and keep his commandments**, that he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon you?

13) ..I baptize thee, **having authority from the Almighty God**, as **a testimony that ye have entered into a covenant to serve him until you are dead** as to the mortal body; and may the Spirit of the Lord be poured out upon you; and may he grant unto you eternal life, through the redemption of Christ, whom he has prepared from the foundation of the world. (Do we feel our baptisms into the LDS church(s) are valid in the eyes of the Lord?)

#### Alma 7

15) Yea, I say unto you come and fear not, and lay aside every sin, which easily doth beset you, which doth bind you down to destruction, yea, come and go forth, and **show unto your God that ye are willing to repent of your sins and enter into a covenant with him to keep his commandments, and witness it unto him ... by going into the waters of baptism.** (Are we confident the man who baptized us had authority?)

#### Moroni 7

31) And the office of their [angels] ministry is to call men unto repentance, and to fulfil and to **do the work of the covenants** of the Father, which he hath made unto the children of men, to prepare the way among the children of men, by declaring the word of Christ unto **the chosen vessels** of the Lord, that they may bear testimony of him. (Are we seeking to become chosen vessels? Are we willing to bear testimony that Christ is the only true God?)

32) And by so doing, the Lord God prepareth the way that the residue of men may have faith in Christ, that the Holy Ghost may have place in their hearts, according to the power thereof; and **after this manner bringeth to pass the Father, the covenants** which he hath made unto the children of men...

44) If [not] so, his faith and hope is vain, for none is acceptable before God, save the meek and lowly in heart...

#### 3 Nephi 28

30) And **they [three Nephite disciples] are as the angels of God**, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good.

31) Therefore, great and marvelous works shall be wrought by them, before the great and coming day when all people must surely stand before the judgment-seat of Christ;

32) Yea even **among the Gentiles** shall there be **a** great and marvelous work

wrought *by them*, before that judgment day. (*Are we longingly looking for the fulfillment of these angels ministering?*)